



Home

Search

Search input field with a 'Go' button

Business

Careers

Cost of Living

Education

Industries

Iowa Trends

Jobs

Population

Publications

Regions

Unemployment

Wages & Income

Youth

Contacts

Write Us

TOOLS

LMI Directory

Query Tools



Starting The School Year Off Right

by [Charlotte Rashid](#)



Published Aug-25-2005

Experts agree that we are living in a world where what you earn is directly related to what you learn. Why not start off the school year by emphasizing that fact to students?? There are some good web sites for finding information on the relationship between education and earnings, planning for the future, and making the most of your educational opportunities now.? Here are four sites to get you started.

The first one is **Career Voyages**, <http://www.careervoyages.gov/students-educationdoespay.cfm>. ?It is sponsored by the US Department of Education and the US Department of Labor.? Career Voyages provides information on the importance of education, and links to other reports and studies on that issue.? It also provides a great place for students, parents, and counselors to begin learning about the hot and emerging careers, and resources for setting and working towards career goals.

A second web site is from the United States Department of Education.? It is **Think College**, <http://www.ed.gov/thinkcollege/index.html>.? This web site has information for students from middle school and up, parents and counselors to help them begin thinking about and planning for the future as early as possible.

The Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corporation also has an excellent web site, **College Planning**, <http://www.collegeplanning.org>. ? It has more information about preparing and planning for college.? There is information on what high school courses are recommended to prepare students for college.? There are also calendars of what to do in the junior and senior years, links to every college and university in Iowa and a chart with the costs for colleges and universities in Iowa.

Once you have gained your students' and parents' attention with the importance of education and the relationship of education to future career goals, show them a web site designed to improve study skills so they can make the most of the school year.? Virginia Tech has a good web site for this: **Study Skills Self-help Information**, <http://www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/stdyhlp.html>.? This site includes a study skills inventory and information to help improve weak study skills.? There is information on everything from time management to note taking.

By demonstrating the importance of school and what they are learning, tying it to their

future, and providing them with a resource to improve their performance, you will be giving all of your young students a good start to the school year.

For more information contact Charlotte Rashid at (563) 336-3471 or email her at Charlotte.Rashid@iwd.state.ia.us.



[Iowa Workforce Development](http://www.iowa.gov/workforce) © 2004 - 2005